THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surprise Inspections are being carried out by the Zonal Addl. Directors, Addl, Director (HQ) and also by a Task Force constituted for the purpose in respect of CGHS dispensaries in Delhi. Instructions have been reiterated to all the Additional Directors/Joint Directors of CGHS covered cities and also the Zonal Additional Directors in Delhi for conducting Surprise Inspections of the CGHS dispensaries.

(c) to (e) CGHS staff are granted promotional benefits upon availability of vacancies in their promotional hierarchy as and when it becomes due to them. It is, however, true that the Assured Career Progression Scheme could not be implemented in case of CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists so far due to some anomalous situation prevailing in their promotional hierarchy. The matter has already been taken up in consultation with the Department of Expenditure, and as and when a decision is taken on the issue, the ACP scheme will be implemented in respect of Allopathic Pharmacists in CGHS.

News-item "Disinvestment train on slow track"

1. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Disinvestment train on slow track", which appeared in the Business Standard dated 13th June, 2002;

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems responsible for the slow-down of the disinvestment process as highlighted in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no general slow-down in the disinvestment process. However, in the event of any specific problem arising in the process, it is resolved through inter-ministerial consultations.

Disinvestment of PSUs

2. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest National Fertilizers Limited (NFL);